

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2015

Selectman Riley called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Franklin Riley and Robert Freeman, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Riley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Riley announced that Chairman Richard Morgan would be arriving late.

Riley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 10/26/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Department Head Meeting & Workshop held on 10/26/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 10/31/2015 in the amount of \$135,396.02. Riley announced the total to include payroll, payroll taxes and benefits. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 10/24/2015 in the amount of \$42,378.22. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Riley commented that the Selectmen review each invoice every week.

Riley stated that they have only borrowed \$500,000.00 from the Tax Anticipation Note to date, but anticipates that more will be borrowed soon.

The Board received a copy of a check received from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$140.93 for scrap metal recycling.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 10/31/2015.

A Purchase Order payable to White Mountain Survey Company Inc. in the amount of \$14,500.00 for the wetland permitting required for the replacement of the Valley Road Bridge was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to sign the purchase order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the NH Housing Finance Authority for the property located on Map 87, Lot 16. The NH Housing Finance Authority, owner of the property referenced, is tax-exempt pursuant to RSA 204-C: 49. Riley made a motion to grant the abatement request in the amount of \$1,187.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a Planning Board Notice of Decision for a Site Plan Review conditional approval for the property located on Map 266, Lot 3. Riley stated that the conditional approval is contingent upon sale of the property to the Church, receipt of the recorded deed, and compliance with all Federal, State, and local regulations.

The Board received a copy of a Planning Board Notice of Decision for a Site Plan Review conditional approval for the property located on Map 53, Lot 9. Riley stated that the conditional approval is contingent upon a new plan submitted in the new owner's name, receipt of the recorded deed, and compliance with all Federal, State, and local regulations.

Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club President George Kaye reviewed the details of last Thursday's meeting at Polly's Crossing Road where they discussed alternate locations to provide snowmobile access to Sunny Villa.

Kaye stated that they reached out to the landowner abutting the road and he was not in favor of any snowmobile access across his property. Kaye also stated that he researched an RSA Roy Barron had referred to disallowing snowmobile access on a Class 6 road and has not found anything. He did find that there is an active State permit in place granting a snowmobile crossing at a location $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Route 28. Following additional discussion, Kaye informed the Board of the available signage that can be put up on the trail warning operators of logging operations and posted speed limits. Riley stated that the Board is willing to support the access with the proper signage in place. Riley made a motion to approve permission for use of Polly's Crossing Road to Route 16 for snowmobile access. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Chairman Richard Morgan arrived at 4:30 PM.

The Board received a copy of a letter sent from the West Ossipee Fire Department acknowledging the issuance of a Place of Assembly Permit that has been granted to Jake's Seafood Co. Inc. for an outdoor winter garden.

The Board received a copy of the NH DES EcoLink e-bulletin acknowledging the consolidation of the Wetlands, Subsurface Systems, and Alteration of Terrain Bureaus and the Shoreland Program into one comprehensive Land Resources Management Bureau.

Morgan stated that there is nothing new to report on the Chickville Church property other than it is moving forward.

George Kaye informed the Board of an ongoing issue where for several years snow has been piled on the railroad tracks behind the Mountain View Station Restaurant by the Water & Sewer Department. The Board referred Mr. Kaye to speak with the Water & Sewer Commissioners who are meeting tonight at the Freight House.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, stated that he does not have a date yet for the next construction meeting. The roofing material has been ordered and the siding is complete.

Highway Garage – Harriman informed the Board that he will be meeting with Bauen Corp. on 11/17/2015 to review the engineering and details.

Memorial Dedication – Riley stated that they are working to find an appropriate area to dedicate in the memory of Bub Avery, and welcome any input.

Sidewalks – Harriman stated that he has not received a response to his letter sent requesting reconsideration of the project closure. Riley stated that the project has been delayed for a variety of reasons and reiterated the importance of providing a safe walkway to the school.

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – Harriman stated that he has not heard anything back yet on his inquiry presented during the meeting held in Wakefield a few weeks ago.

New Business:

Riley announced that they would begin the budget review.

Selectmen's Office –White presented the budget request in the amount of \$679,916.00 noting an increase in salary & benefits and reductions in various line items including assessor, computer maintenance and postage. Riley made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Office budget in the amount of \$679,916.00. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Government Buildings – Harriman presented the Government Buildings budget request in the amount of \$220,748.00 noting the decrease being a result of expensing the telephones to various departments and the

chemical toilets to Recreation, as well as other line item reductions. Riley made a motion to approve the Government Buildings budget in the amount of \$220,748.00. Morgan seconded. Morgan stated that this budget may be subject to further reduction in preparation for the Highway Garage expansion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Highway Department – Harriman presented the Highway Department's budget in the amount of \$1,307,450.00 noting an increase in salary & benefits and culverts. Morgan questioned areas that have not been expended, most of which Harriman has incoming invoices for. Morgan made a motion to reduce the diesel line by \$10,000.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Riley made a motion to approve the Highway Department's budget in the amount of \$1,297,450.00. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Transfer Station– Harriman presented the Transfer Station's budget in the amount of \$433,083.00 noting an increase in the recycling disposal. Harriman reviewed the increased costs in the e-waste and mixed paper resulting in an overall increase of \$7,500.00 in the recycling disposal budget line. Riley made a motion to approve the Transfer Station's budget in the amount of \$433,083.00. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Police Department – James Eldridge, Police Chief, presented the Police Department budget in the amount of \$1,061,663.00 noting increases in salaries, overtime & benefits and reductions in gas, office supplies, and postage. Morgan commented that the new Employee Manual resulted in the increase in overtime to compensate the officers who work the holidays. Riley made a motion to approve the Police Department's budget in the amount of \$1,061,663.00. Morgan seconded. Morgan stated that they may review the fuel and other line items for further reduction. A unanimous vote was taken. Dave Babson recommended that the Town inform the State Representatives of costs that are being passed down to the Town by the State.

Police–Special Duty – Eldridge presented the Police-Special Duty budget in the amount of \$25,000.00 stating that the budget is needed to appropriate in order to be reimbursed, and added that there is more generated in revenue than what is appropriated. Riley made a motion to approve the Police-Special Duty budget in the amount of \$25,000.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Dog Officer – The budget was presented in the amount of \$13,829.00. Morgan commented that \$26,000.00 has been expended against this budget for the shelter expenses related to the closure of the Sweet Paws Inn. Morgan stated that they will be seeking restitution for reimbursement. Riley made a motion to approve the Dog Officer's budget in the amount of \$13,829.00. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ambulance – Riley reviewed the Ambulance budget in the amount of \$192,428.14 noting that \$99,943.26 will be encumbered from 2015 funds. Comments were made about the negotiations leading up to the current contract which is a significant savings in ambulance cost to the Town. Babson commended the public servants for following through with the negotiations which resulted in less than what was anticipated costs to provide ambulance service. Riley made a motion to approve the Ambulance budget in the amount of \$192,428.14. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan commented that the significant savings in ambulance cost will allow the Highway Garage addition to take place without impacting the tax rate.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Riley opened the meeting to public input.

Public Input:

Conduct Billings and Joe Deighan reviewed the right-of-way for Huckins Street and Main Street. An agreement to grant a 10' easement has been presented by the new condominium as an option if the right-of-way is not enough for the sidewalk project. Harriman will pass this information along to White Mountain Survey and see what needs to be done to get an easement.

Babson questioned when the next State Representative forum is. White answered with 12/7/2015. Babson recommended having only the Representatives present without Senator Bradley. Babson stated that one Representative fails to attend the forums and suggested an invitation by phone call requesting his presence.

Babson stated that the County will be putting a compactor out for bid once they verify they are the owners of it.

Clifton Merrick questioned the status of speed bumps on Deer Cove Road. The Board and Harriman were not aware of a decision to install speed bumps. Discussion ensued. Morgan requested that Merrick speak with Police Chief Eldridge to address his concern of speeding on the road.

Morgan announced that the Budget Committee will be meeting at the Freight House on Wednesday, 11/4/2015 at 6:30 PM.

Being no further input, Morgan made a motion to adjourn. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 11/9/2015